### Scores rounded up as Lanka hunts killers

AFP, Colombo

Sri Lanka yesterday rounded up scores of potential suspects during a massive hunt for Tamil Tiger rebels suspected of gunning down the foreign minister in an attack that has strained an already shaky ceasefire.

Some 1,000 police were deployed for a house-to-house search after the assassination of Lakshman Kadirgamar, shot dead Friday in the highest-level political killing in this island nation in more than a decade

"We don't think the attackers were able to get out of the area.' police chief Chandra Fernando said "If we have the cooperation of the public, we can get at the killers."

Deputy police Inspector General Pujith Jayasundara said "scores" of people were detained and SEE PAGE 15 COL 6

plane crash

A Cypriot airliner with 121 people on board crashed north of Athens yesterday, and rescuers said they had found no survivors. Reports said the pilots were unconscious when the plane went down, possibly because of a lack of oxygen in the cabin due to decompression.

The Helios Airways flight HCY 522 was headed from Larnaca, Cyprus to Athens International Airport when it crashed at about 12:20 p.m. near the coastal town of Grammatikos, about 25 miles north of the Greek capital

The Boeing 737 was due to fly onto Prague, Czech Republic after

The cause of the crash was unclear, but first indications were that there was a technical problem possibly decompression or lack of oxygen in the cabin and not terror

121 killed in Cypriot

Sotiris Voutas, the first cousin of a passenger on the plane, told Athens' Alpha television station that he received a text message from his relative on his mobile phone minutes before the crash

"He told me the pilots were unconscious ... he said: Farewell, cousin, here we're frozen.'

The only piece of the plane that remained intact was the tail section of the jet and debris was strewn in a

revenue

REJAUL KARIM BYRON

chasm and surrounding hills. Bits of human flesh, clothing, and luggage were scattered around the wreckage, which also started brush fires around the area.

Rescue helicopters flew overhead and firefighting planes swooped low to extinguish some of the fires. Ambulances crowded the roads near the crash site and dark black smoke could be seen rising from various sites around the crash

"The Helios flight that crashed in the Athens area left Larnaca and was headed for Athens. The exact causes unknown," government spokesman Theodoros Roussopoulos said.

Rescue workers and residents on **SEE PAGE 15 COL 3** 

### Attempted murder charges pressed against chief

12 injured in DU hall clash

At least 12 students were injured. three of them critically, in a clash

between Bangalee and indigenous

students of Jagannath Hall of Dhaka

University (DU) in the early hours

Two rooms of the indigenous

students were ransacked and at

least 30 of them were driven out

from the hall that created panic

Critically injured Christopher

Riton Asham, a student of Mass

Communication and Journalism,

Ratan Moy Chakma Sumon and

Arjun Chakma were admitted to

Dhaka Medical College Hospital at

Baran Chakraborty, Ascha Kumar Tanchanga, Nikhil Chakma, Mukut

Chakma, Himel Chakma, Debasish

Chakma, Hiron Chakma, Jyoti

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Some other injured are Kushol

among the indigenous students.

**DU C**ORRESPONDENT

yesterday.

about 1:30am.

**COURT CORRESPONDENT** 

whip's son

The Detective Branch (DB) of police yesterday pressed charges against Akhter Hamid alias Paban, son of Chief Whip Khondokar Delwar Hossain, in an attempted murder case.

DB Inspector Ruhul Amin, who is the investigation officer (IO), pressed the charge to Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's Court Dhaka with 12 people as prosecu-

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## Blasts that robbed him of livelihood

**BISHAWJIT DAS** 

Sixty-six-year old Afaz Uddin not only lost his daughter, Rizia Begum, in the August 21 mayhem. He also lost the only means of his livelihood with her death.

"She was not only my daugh-

ter, she was also my son and only hope for living," the ailing Afaz, father of four daughters. told The Daily Star vesterday.

Rizia, 45, a member of ward No. 58 unit of Awami Mahila League, made her living as a support service vendor in front of

the Indian Embassy A widow, she used to make Tk 100 to 150 per day, working from

dawn to dusk on the street. Even before the August 21st bombing, Rizia's life had hints of tragedy. Afaz, who worked as a SEE PAGE 15 COL 4



Afaz Uddin stares blankly as he thinks about his daughter Rizia Begum, who was killed in the August 21 grenade attack on an Awami League rally on Bangabandhu Avenue last year.

## 3 outlaws die in 'crossfire'

STAR REPORT

Three outlaws of Biplabi Communist Party (BCP) have been killed in 'crossfire' between their accomplices and law enforcers in Jessore and Kushtia

Rapid Action Battalion (Rab)-6 on Tuesday arrested four BCP activists -- Raju alias Killer Raju, Abu Bakkar alias Mujibar, Alamgir alias Killer Alamgir and Shaheen -in Shankarpasha in Abhoynagar upazila, reports our Jessore correspondent

Police said a Rab team on Saturday night took Raju, 25, of Abhoynagar and Mujibar, 32, of Landari in Khulna, to Shankarpasha to seize their firearms.

During the raid the Rab team

came under fire and countered the attack, the police said, adding, the two outlaws were bullet-hit and killed on the spot.

The Rab seized one locally made gun, one pistol and four cartridges. The police said Raju and Mujibar were accused in five and seven criminal cases.

BDNEWS adds: Jamal Mondol alias Jamal, 30, a regional BCP leader, was killed in 'crossfire' between police and his accomplices in Jhawdia in Kushtia yesterday.

A team of Islamic University Police Station arrested Jamal in Laxmipur village under the sadar upazila on Saturday night.

The police said they took him to Jhawdia to arrest his accomplices

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#### The NBR's revenue collection While revenue collection at import from imports was quite poor in the early months of the last fiscal level marks a sharp 17.10 percent year, though it gradually peaked rise in the first month of 2005-06, the government is going to lower up towards the end, finally

Weaker Tk raises

to meet a World Bank condition for its third tranche of Development Support Credit The overall revenue increased last month by some 14 percent, standing at Tk 2,089 crore, said a

the import duties by 0.9 to 1 percent

source at the National Board of Revenue (NBR) yesterday. In July, revenue collection at import level was Tk 1,102 crore, at local level Tk 627 crore, posting a 6.25 percent growth, and from income tax Tk 272 crore, rising by

17.74 percent from those in July

revenue, as the duties are set in local currency. Compared to July 2004, taka lost about 10.74 percent of its value against US dollar in import in July 2005, banking source said. Last month, the average price of dollar in import was Tk 67, compared to Tk 60.50 in July 2004.

achieving about 12 percent

NBR sources said the recent

depreciation of taka, though

stoked up inflation, did contribute

to the increased import level

yearly growth.

### FARIDPUR BY-POLLS

# others pull

Sirajul Islam, yesterday pulled out of the race for Fairpur-1 by-polls on

AKM Jamaluddin Nannu Mia, Moulana Mujibur Rahman and Nurul Abedin.

#### for DMCH patients such a serious situation, we went to inform the director of the hospital. Rotten eggs and bananas, expired But neither the director nor the other

Rotten eggs, bananas

analyst of the DCC.

bread, fly infested rice, and adulterated milk are the meals served to patients at the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH)

The Dhaka City (DCC) mobile court yesterday found a gravely unhygienic environment at the DMCH canteen during a raid. Among other things, the court found around 150 rotten eggs preserved for the patients of the DMCH. The

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

"The patients will simply be sick if they eat those foods. When we saw officials were available there." said Md. Golam Sarwar, the public

"All the items of the DMCH standard." he added

Later the court apprehended Ishaq Ali, the supplier of the eggs, and sent him to one-year of vigorous iail time.

Before that the court collected Tk 21,600 from the Raj and Rajdhani restaurants in Gulistan for selling rotten food, failing to cover food and

keeping food items close to open door toilets.

"The front side of the hotel is so good, but the kitchen is simply dirty and unhygienic. So we warned them and collected fines from them." said a member of the DCC mobile court.

Another mobile court, led b magistrate Md. Rokanuddullah, raided Meghna biscuit and bread factory and found rotten eggs. The court also found different unsafe chemicals used in the bakery prod-

The court arrested the owner, Ashraf Khan, and the manager, SEE PAGE 15 COL 6

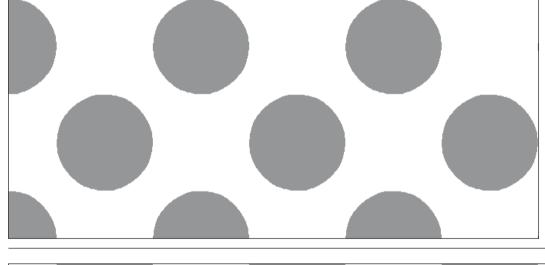
### 30 injured as JCD factions clash at IU

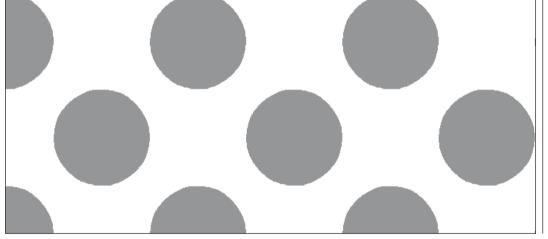
**IU CORRESPONDENT** 

At least 30 students were injured in factional clashes of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) on the Islamic University (IU) campus yesterday

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	Prayer Timing August 15			
		Azan	Jamaat	
	Fajr	4-25	5-00	
	Zohr	12-45	1-15	
	Asr	4-45	5-00	
	Maghrib	6-38	6-41	
	Esha	8-00	8-30	
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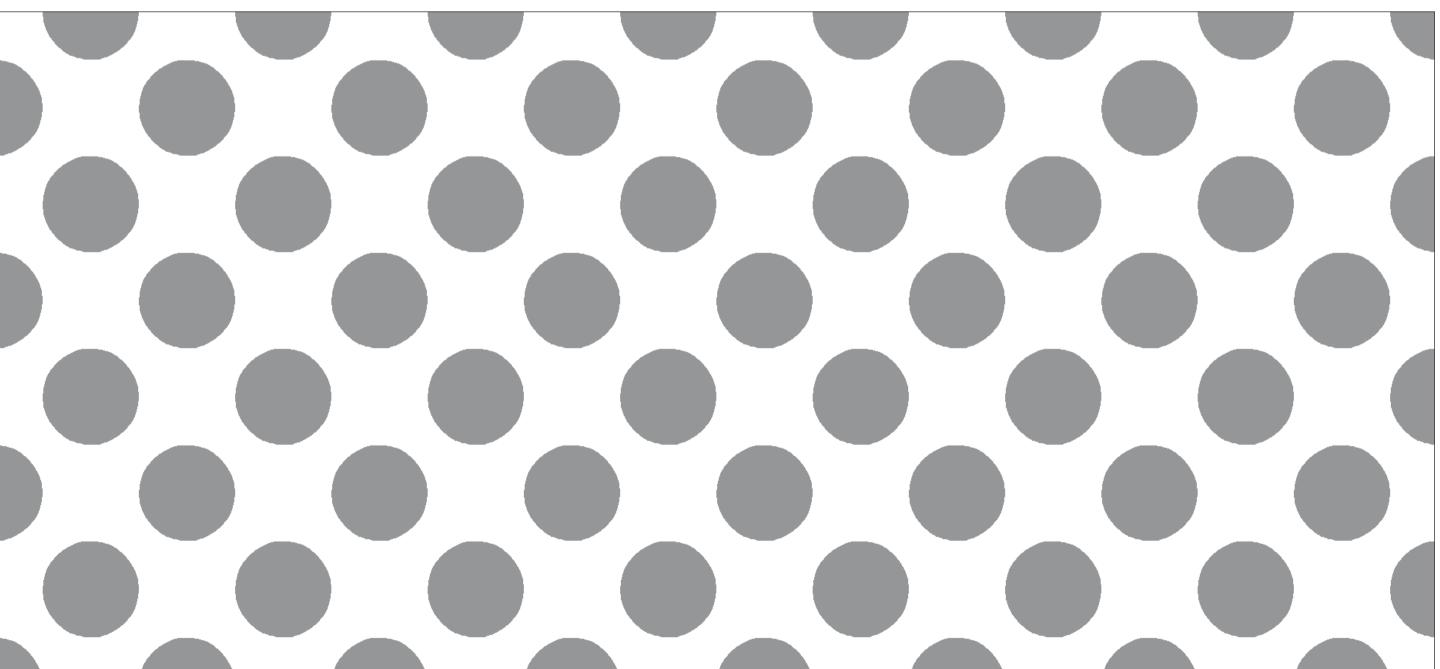


### Kazi Siraj, 3

## out of race

August 30. The three other candidates are

court later destroyed all the eggs. With the withdrawal of SEE PAGE 15 COL 6



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